

## ABSTRACT

One embodiment of the present invention is directed to a bone plate assembly that  
5 includes a bone plate, bone screw(s) received in aperture(s) in the bone plate, and screw  
fixation member(s). The screw fixation member(s) may, alone or in conjunction with the  
bone plate, fix the bone screw(s) in place when such bone screw(s) are inserted in the  
aperture(s) in the bone plate. In one example (which example is intended to be illustrative  
and not restrictive) when the bone screw(s) have been received by the bone plate and  
10 inserted into bone and/or tissue, the bone plate assembly can be used to fuse anatomical  
structures together (such as adjoining bones) and/or to heal a fracture in bone.